

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 376  
By Gilbert

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ollie Keller for being inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their many endeavors are credits to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Ollie Keller, who has been inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Conservation, Oliver Keller also happens to be one of the most talented athletes to hail from Blount County; and

WHEREAS, this Hall of Fame inductee attended Everett Elementary and went on to attend Maryville High, where he earned All-State honors in football; and

WHEREAS, after three years of playing on service teams while in the Air Force, he entered the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where he played for two seasons; and

WHEREAS, Ollie received Little All-America and Middle All-America honors after his transfer to Memphis State for his last two seasons of eligibility; and

WHEREAS, Keller returned to Maryville High as head coach for two years and went on to coach at Memphis Catholic for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, he served as administrative assistant in charge of recruiting at Iowa State for another two years and he coached quarterbacks and receivers at Memphis State for two years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with athletics, Keller still finds time to lend his incredible talents to his community; and

WHEREAS, he previously served as assistant director of state parks for two years and as assistant principal of Brentwood High for six years before being named principal at Fairview Middle School; and

WHEREAS, recently, Governor Sundquist appointed him Deputy Commissioner of Environment and Conservation in recognition of his singular talents and acumen; and

WHEREAS, Ollie Keller exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keller is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his loving wife, Dottie Gordon, their 4 children and their 12 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, his considerable administrative abilities, as well as those skills displayed on the athletic field, are an indication of his dexterity and talent in the real world; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Mr. Keller for his dedication to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ollie Keller upon being inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and for his service to the state of Tennessee. We wish Ollie Keller every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.